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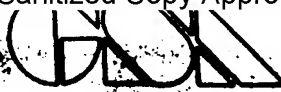
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## CIVILIAN AGENCY ACQUISITION COUNCIL LETTER

TO: Heads of Civilian agencies, other than NASA

SUBJECT: Dollar threshold for purchases under the Trade Agreements Act of 1979

Executive Order 12260, as amended, authorizes the U.S. Trade Representative (TR) to determine the amount in U.S. dollars that constitutes the threshold for applicability of the Trade Agreement to Government contracts. The following FAR citations refer to this threshold: 25.402(a), 25.402(c), 25.403(a), 25.405, 25.405(e), and 52.225-9(b).

The TR has determined that, effective January 1, 1985, the Trade Agreements Act threshold is revised from \$161,000 to \$156,000 (49 FR 44939, November 13, 1984, copy enclosed).

Pending publication and distribution of revised FAR coverage to implement the TR's determination, agencies should comply with the TR's determination as described above. The extent of further distribution of this letter is within the individual discretion of each addressee.

LAWRENCE J. RIZZI  
Acting Chairman  
Civilian Agency Acquisition Council

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significant effect on the quality of the human environment.

For further details with respect to this action, see the licensee's letters dated December 22, 1983 and March 9 and June 11, 1984, which are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, NW., Washington, D.C., and Environmental Conservation Library, Minneapolis Public Library, 306 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55401.

Dated at Bethesda, Maryland this 9th day of November, 1984.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission,  
Gus C. Linaas,  
Assistant Director for Operating Reactors,  
Division of Licensing, Office of Nuclear  
Reactor Regulation.

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## OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

### Agreement on Government Procurement Value of Special Drawing Rights

Under the authority delegated to the United States Trade Representative by Section 1-104 of Executive Order 12280, I hereby determine that, effective on January 1, 1985, the dollar equivalent of 150,000 Special Drawing Right units referred to in the Agreement on Government Procurement is \$156,000. The Trade Representative may modify this determination as appropriate.

William E. Brock III,  
United States Trade Representative.

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### Trade Policy Staff Committee; Public Hearings on the Possible Establishment of Sectoral Free Trade Arrangements With Canada

**SUMMARY:** This publication gives notice that the Trade Policy Staff Committee will conduct public hearings on consideration of the possible establishment of sectoral free trade arrangements with Canada.

#### 1. Public Hearings

The Chairman of the Trade Policy Staff Committee invites public comments on consideration of the possible establishment of sectoral free trade arrangements with Canada. Such comments will be considered by the Executive Branch in deciding whether it is in the interest of the United States to enter into sectoral free trade

arrangements with Canada. The Committee is inviting specific comments on the merits of establishing free trade arrangements with Canada in the following sectors: Agricultural or horticultural articles; pesticides; informatics; steel; furniture; wood and wood products; paper and paper products; cosmetics; petrochemicals and alcoholic beverages. A list of the specific items of the Tariff Schedules of the United States (TSUS) which these sectors comprise is appended to this notice. In addition, comments on other potential sectors are welcomed. Interested parties are invited to submit testimony or written comments on this matter.

#### 2. Requests To Participate in the Public Hearing

Hearings will be held on January 16, 1985, beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the GSA Auditorium, 18th and F Streets, NW., Washington, D.C., and will continue on January 17, if required. Parties wishing to testify orally at the hearings must provide written notification of their intention by noon, January 8, 1985 to Carolyn Frank, TPSC Secretary (Office of the United States Trade Representative, Room 500, 600 Seventeenth Street, NW., Washington, D.C. 20506) giving:

- (1) Their names, addresses and telephone numbers;
- (2) The sector (including TSUS numbers) to be addressed; and
- (3) A brief summary of their presentation.

Those parties presenting oral testimony must submit a complete written brief, in 20 copies, by noon, January 11, 1985.

Remarks at the hearings should be limited to no more than fifteen minutes to allow for possible questions from the Chairman and the Interagency panel. Participants should provide twenty typed copies of their oral presentation at the time of the hearings.

Persons not wishing to participate at the hearings may submit a written statement, in twenty copies, by January 31, 1985 to the TPSC Secretary at the address noted above.

Parties are referred to Section 2003 of Title 15 of the Code of Federal Regulations for the Committee's rules concerning oral testimony, the submission of written briefs, the treatment of business confidential information and other procedures related to TPSC hearings.

#### 3. Background

In February 1984 the United States and Canada began discussions on the

possibility of establishing free trade arrangements on particular sectors of interest to both nations. In connection with this proposal, the President on September 4, 1984 requested the U.S. International Trade Commission to conduct an investigation, pursuant to section 332(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930, and to provide advice, with respect to each item in the Tariff Schedules of the United States which may be covered by the sectoral arrangements, as to the probable economic effect of providing duty free treatment for imports from Canada on industries in the United States producing like or directly competitive articles and on consumers. The sectors upon which advice has been sought are: Articles to be used for agricultural or horticultural purposes; pesticides; informatics; steel; furniture; wood and wood products; paper and paper products; cosmetics; petrochemicals and alcoholic beverages. A list of the specific items of the TSUS which these sectors comprise is appended to this notice.

#### 4. Comments

Comments are particularly invited on:

- (a) Proposed and potential sectors to be included in U.S.-Canada sectoral free trade arrangements;
- (b) General observations regarding proposed U.S.-Canada sectoral free trade arrangements;
- (c) Experiences in trading with Canada;
- (d) Particular benefits or disadvantages to the establishment of sectoral free trade arrangements with Canada.

#### 5. Additional Information

Any questions with regard to the establishment of U.S.-Canada sectoral free trade arrangements should be directed to William Merkin, Deputy Assistant U.S. Trade Representative, Office of the United States Trade Representative, Room 307, 600 17th Street, NW., Washington, D.C. 20506; telephone (202) 395-5190.

Frederick L. Montgomery,  
Chairman, Trade Policy Staff Committee.

Appendix to the Federal Register  
Notice Announcing Public Hearings on  
the Possible Establishment of Sectoral  
Free Trade Arrangements with Canada.

The following items from the Tariff Schedules of the United States are included in the sectors under consideration in the possible establishment of sectoral free trade arrangements with Canada: